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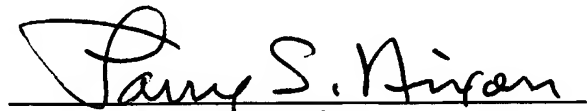
**RESPONSE**

In response to the office action dated 08/10/2006 finding that applicant has claimed seven different patentably distinct species (i.e. no one of which is made "obvious" in view of any other or combination of others under 35 U.S.C. § 103), applicant here elects for further substantive examination the patentably distinct species I related to figures 1-5 and on which at least claims 1-3 and 7-13 are believed to read obviously claim 1 is also generic to its dependent claims 4-6.

Respectfully submitted,

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